

Zapalasaurus

Zapalasaurus is a genus of dinosaur described by Leonardo Salgado, Ismar de Souza Carvalho and Alberto C. It was named after the city of Zapala. The type species, *Zapalasaurus bonapartei*, was found in the La Amarga Formation of the Neuquén Basin, Neuquén Province, Argentina. It was a diplodocoid, a long-necked herbivore, and it lived during the Early Cretaceous. The authors conclude from examining the skeleton that "The record of *Zapalasaurus bonapartei* shows that, at least in the Neuquén Basin, basal diplodocoids were more diverse than previously thought." *Zapalasaurus* is assumed to have a long neck which would have been developed for feeding adaption, allowing its neck to swing in an arc like shape. This would allow *Zapalasaurus* to browse a wide variety of plants and greens without having to walk very far.

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Temporal range: Barremian-Early Aptian											
~130–120 Ma											
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Scientific classification											
Kingdom:		Animalia									
Phylum:		Chordata									
Class:		Sauropsida									
Superorder:		Dinosauria									
Order:		Saurischia									
Suborder:		†Sauropodomorpha									
Infraorder:		†Sauropoda									
Superfamily:		†Diplodocoidea									
Family:		†Rebbachisauridae ^{[1][2]}									
Genus:		† <i>Zapalasaurus</i> <div>Salgado et al. 2006</div>									
Species											
<div><div>■</div><div>†<i>Z. bonapartei</i> Salgado <i>et al.</i> 2006 (type)</div></div>											

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